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being admitted duty-free into Hong Kong,
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Admiral.....	medium	100	2.20
Princess.....	small	100	2.40
Flour de Orient (with tubes) (ladies).....	small	100	2.00

Military (gold tipped).....	medium	100	2.00
Germans.....	medium	100	1.50
Paris.....	small	100	1.00

The Peak Tram- way.....	medium	100	1.50
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Emperor of China (gold tipped).....	medium	100	1.20
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Ducks, Local (dressed).....65 cts. each

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Goose, Local (dressed).....\$1.50 each

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Ham, Best York.....70 cts. per lb.

Ham, Australian, Pineapple.....65 cts. "

(2 cts. extra per lb. for Ham feet).

Halibut, Fresh Canadian.....40 cts. "

Honey, Best Australian.....60 cts. per lb. jar.

Kidney, Australian Sheep.....20 cts. each

Rabbit, Australian 1st Grade.....85 cts. each

Rice Birds.....\$1.00, per doz.

Sausages, Australian Fat.....80 cts. per lb.

Sausages, Own Make (of Aus-
tralian Meats).....25 cts. per lb.

Salmon, Fresh Canadian.....40 cts. "

Sausages, Australian Sheep.....20 cts. each

Turkeys, Australian (plucked).....70 cts. per lb.

SPECIAL NOTE.

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the previous day.

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DEATH.

DIED.—On the 7th February, at the

"Hygeia," EDGAR ARTHUR BONNEK, Soli-

dier.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Old Pekin Curios,

No. 11, "Masters' Houses & Hangings"

Sales Rooms.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 10—

Noon—Meeting of Humphreys' Estate &

Finance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered

Office.

Register of Shares of the Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation from this

date to 24th February inclusive.

Goods per Yeddo undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 12—

11.45 a.m.—Exchange Banks Close.

Transfer Books of Hongkong and Wham-

poa Dock Co., Ltd., close from this

date to 24th February inclusive.

Goods per Yeddo undelivered after this

date at Noon will be subject to

rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, February 13—

Goods per Yeddo not cleared on this

date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 15—

11 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong, Canton

& Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. at Co.'s

Office.

9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong

Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

FRIDAY, February 16—

Noon—Meeting of China Traders' Insur-

ance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered

Office.

TUESDAY, February 20—

Transfer Books of Green Island Cement

Co., Ltd., close from this date to 24th

February inclusive.

SATURDAY, February 24—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island

Cement Co., Ltd., at General Manager's

Office.

Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of The

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

poration, at the City Hall.

MONDAY, February 26—

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-

poa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1896.

THE PRINCE'S VISIT.

ALTHOUGH the visit of Prince Arthur of

Cohnaught to Hongkong is but incident-

al to his mission to the north, residents

are none the less gratified that an

opportunity is given of showing the

deep and heart-felt loyalty which has

ever characterised the Colony. With

the British in the Far East, remote

from the heart of the Empire, surround-

ed by alien peoples and living under

conditions widely different from those

which obtain in the Home-land, while

everything else has changed, devotion to

the Throne has remained as true and

steady as ever. Perhaps it would not

be claiming too much to affirm that a

more genuine loyalty thrills the hearts

of Colonials on the occasion of a Royal

visit than can be the case at Home

where familiarity may deaden interest

and enthusiasm. Prince Arthur will

witness pageantry in Japan which

will put into the shade our puny

efforts to give material expression to

our desire to not only do formal

honour to the nephew of our King, but

show our affection for and loyalty to the

King himself. Japan is the objective of

His Royal Highness's journey and no

doubt the interludes at British

Colonies cannot be on the scale of mag-

nificence that they would if the Prince

were in the East for the sole purpose

of visiting his Royal Uncle's overseas

dominions. In Japan the gallant

and artistic race with whom we are allied

have an inherent genius for decoration

and display. The British race does not

shine at this sort of thing. However we

trust that His Royal Highness will re-

ceive the thought for the deed and will

see in Hongkong's welcome an indica-

tion of a spirit of loyalty which will

show him that all those British subjects

who are privileged to live here beneath

the protection of the old flag yield to

none in their fealty to the Throne.

SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE.

Those who wish well to South Africa

regard the immediate future with con-

siderable uneasiness. Very gradual-

ly, but nonetheless certainly, the non-

British section of the population of the

colonies was settling down to the new

conditions. In a few months a species

of self-government is to come into

operation. Had the Unionists retained

power for a little longer the change in

the form of Government in the South

African Colonies would not give rise

to much foreboding. But unhappily

the Boers have now to deal with a

Liberal Administration, hampered by

the unfortunate traditions of its

predecessors, and which includes men

who have not scrupled to avow them-

selves opposed to the policy under

which the Empire has become great.

As long ago as 1899 General Smuts

one of the Boer leaders, told an English

publicist that the Boers knew that they

had only to hold on until the Liberals

were in power to obtain "anything

they wanted." At the present time

Mr Smuts is in England for the

purpose of endeavouring to have the

constitution granted to the Transvaal

altered by the elimination of the prin-

ciple of one vote one value. The

Johannesburg correspondent of the

Standard states that, with the excep-

tion of Het Volk, all parties have con-

sistently supported this principle,

which they regard as the keystone of a

truly democratic Constitution. What

will the Liberal Government do? The

fowls are coming home to roost. The

penalty has now to be paid for extra-

vagant promises made from the safe of

chilly retreats of Opposition. All the

disloyalists in South Africa have had

their rebellious principles, which were

withering away under the steady

blaze of Unionist rule, revived by the

ominous cloud which has overspread

the political heavens. If the future

can be foretold from the past all the

good that loyal and steadfast and

humane administration has done to

tranquillise South Africa is in danger

of being swept away. The tale of war

told by a British subject, who was not

British born, has ever found a

BY TELEGRAPH.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY
OUTRAGE.CHANGPOO MISSION
DESTROYED.Hospital, Church Buildings and
Dwellings Demolished.

Missionaries Escape.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Amoy, February 8 2.30 p.m.

The city of Changpoo, some 60 miles South-west from Amoy, has been the scene of a violent outrage upon mission property.

A revolutionary mob assailed the Mission, burning down the various buildings.

The property destroyed included—

The Hospital;

Two Foreign dwelling houses; and

All Church buildings.

When the Missionaries became aware of the threatening attitude of the mob they fled.

One Missionary gained admittance to the Magistrate's Yamen, and the remainder escaped to Amoy.

[Our correspondent does not give the name of the Mission attacked, but it is probably the English Presbyterian Mission. The latest list of Missionaries in China gives the following as the names of those working at Changpoo in connection with mission work:—The Rev. James Beattie, M.A., and wife, the Rev. H. W. Oldham, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, M.B., Ch. B., Miss H. Lecky, and Miss G. J. Maclean.—Ed., C.M.]

SUPREME COURT.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship Sir F. T. Pigott,
Chief Justice.)

Thursday, February 8.

A QUESTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Chan Yit Shee versus the Wing Kee firm, application for a trial of issue.

Mr. H. E. Pollock K. C. (instructed by Mr. Dixon) appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. W. Shide (instructed by Mr. Harding) for the defendant, who was sued as a partner in the Wing Kee firm.

Mr. Pollock said that the case came before the Court on July 7, 1905, when the plaintiff sued the Wing Kee firm for \$8000 money lent and interest thereon. Judgment was given for the plaintiff against the firm with costs and the next proceeding was taken on the 28th of the same month, when a summons was taken out against another man as partner in the firm. The other man had since died, and the issue for trial now was as to whether the firm was or was not a partner in the firm. He would call evidence to show that some time before the action arose the firm wished to increase its capital and Lau Siu Cheung and the other man referred to agreed to put the sums of \$1000 and \$500 into it respectively. This was paid over and acknowledged by both of them. The business carried on by the firm was that of a theatre, and the issue was that of partnership. The case was remanded until to-morrow afternoon.

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.

The storm of criticism through which the Insurance Societies of the United States have recently passed has badly damaged some but others have weathered the gale; and now present themselves to the world defiant in all their financial strength. Foremost amongst these is the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and its soundness of foundation is amply illustrated by the letter from the President, Mr. Paul Morton, and the balance sheet, which appear on another page. Careful perusal of this letter will show that the affairs of the great Society have been investigated by foremost actuarial experts, and that its finances are in a condition that need cause no apprehension to policy holders. As we have pointed out in previous issues the assets of the big societies have not been affected, and go as sound to-day as ever they were. Phoenix-like the Equitable comes out of the turmoil with promise of a more vigorous and robust future than even its past has been, and the cleaning up that has taken place has done much to remove whatever past weaknesses have been manifested, and make the way easy for a clearly defined line of action on the part of the controllers. The letter is certainly encouraging to policy holders in the Society, and should do much to reassure those who have doubted the stability of the Society and its ability to meet calls.

Genius and Matrimony.

Your man of genius, as a rule, begins badly in the matrimonial business. He seldom falls upon a wise choice of a wife. He is too ideal—especially the musician, who lives largely in the clouds—to look at all sides of the housekeeping question before taking the fateful leap. Musical Opinion.

PREPARING FOR THE PRINCE.

Finishing the Decorations.

On all sides one sees indications of the decorations which are being put up in honour of the visit of Prince Arthur of Connaught, and only the occupiers of a few buildings along the route to be followed by the Prince have not yet begun to join in with their fellow citizens.

The buildings along the sea-front lend themselves readily to decorative purposes and judging from the bamboo scaffolding, unlighted as they may now appear, it would seem that every advantage will be taken of the opportunity to do justice to the scope afforded by the buildings. Queen's Buildings, St. George's Buildings, York Buildings and the Hotel Mansions make a splendid block in themselves, and the effect of these imposing structures at night when the lights are arranged should be indeed effective.

The match on Blake Pier (where the landing is to take place), which has long been an eyesore, will be transformed into something approaching the picturesque when the staff of men at present engaged, under the supervision of Mr. R. P. Foster (P.W.D.), have concluded their labours. At each end of the match the flag-staffs have been erected, the one on the end facing the harbour being the higher of the two. From this pole strings of flags will be hung to each corner of the front of the shed and to the flag staff at the other end. On the top of the northern flagstaff the Royal Standard will be flown when His Royal Highness steps ashore. The roof of the match will be hidden beneath a wealth of flags, bunting, and greenery, while underneath a ceiling of flags has been made. Palms, ferns and pot plants, distributed about the pier with an eye to the artistic, will add greatly to the general effect. The lamp-posts and all other uprights are to be decorated with red cloth round which garlands of greenery will be entwined. Along the pier will be laid red cloth.

The stands erected for those who have received invitations are at the east and west of the match on the Praya, and these also will be covered with flags and red cloth. Across the roadway there is a larger stand on the ground whereon the New Post Office is being built.

To prevent the crowd from encroaching on the Praya beyond the limit decided upon a temporary post and rail fence has been put up across Pedder Street, and inside of this the guard of honour will be lined up.

Altogether the scene of the landing should be an imposing one, though seen to-day, when all the flags and red bunting were soaked with rain it cannot be said that it looked at all impressive. Given fine weather, however, the effect should be gala in the extreme.

H. R. H. will be entertained at the Ko Shing theatre by the Chinese Community on the night of Saturday next and will then proceed to the Khatat and Baluch dance, which is to take place on the Military Parade Ground. Ticket holders will be admitted at 10.30 p.m. H. R. H. being due to arrive at 10.45. At the conclusion of the dance, which is expected to last about three-quarters of an hour, H. R. H. will go on the harbour for about fifteen minutes to view the illuminations thence proceeding to the Hongkong Club, where he will arrive about 11.45 p.m.

For the convenience of the public late trains will run to the Peak at midnight, 12.15, 1.00 and 1.15 a.m.

The Queen's Statue has been cleaned, and electric wires have been arranged to carry lamps for the illumination of it. The railings round the steps at the foot of the statue have recently been painted green and on the whole, the statue looks better than it has done for some time.

In other portions of the town, notably along Queen's Road and at the intersection of Bonham Strand and Queen's Road, huge arches are now in the course of erection, while at other places the work of preparing for the Prince is going on apace. The Clock Tower should be striking in appearance when the scheme of lights is working order, and if the fog keeps away from the Peak at night the illuminations both on the higher and lower levels should be worth viewing.

The Hon. Secretary of the Reception Committee informs us that His Royal Highness may be expected to land at Blake Pier at about 11 o'clock. The addresses are to be presented at the entrance to Blake Pier but should the weather be wet they will be presented at the City Hall. Holders of tickets for the enclosure at Blake Pier will be entitled to entrance at the City Hall so far as space will allow.

THE COST OF BANKRUPTCY.

Comment in Court.

Speaking in the Bankruptcy Division of the Supreme Court this morning, His Lordship Sir Francis T. Pigott said that he was not in favour of small bankruptcies. The proceedings swallowed up the whole of the estate.

Mr. D'Almeida—I don't think the bill in this case would be at the outside more than \$120 or \$200.

Mr. G. Wakman (Official Receiver)—I seldom see any bills for \$100, they are generally nearer \$400 or \$500. (Laughter.)

A Prominent Publisher Endorses
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

MR. LEON C. STROTTER, proprietor of the Worcester, Cape Colony Standard, says: "For the past seven years, or since we have been in South Africa, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has always been kept in our household. My wife has found it to be invaluable with the children and every ailment has disappeared with astonishing rapidity, and pleasingly under its influence." For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Amongst the visitors to the Colony at present is the Rev. M. MacKenzie, of Swallow.

Mr. Robert Youg, Proprietor of the Japan Chronicle, Kobe, is at present in the Colony on his way to England with Mrs. Youg to spend a year's holiday.

Early in the month Mr. A. E. Spriggs, Superintendent of the E. E. A. and C. Telegraph Company, at Singapore, was married to Miss Laura Redfern, of Blundellands, Liverpool.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances the paper on "The Scientific Outlook," which was to have been read by Mr. J. A. Tarrant at the Union Church will not be read, but the evening will be spent in discussing impromptu speeches.

The Waiwupu has requested H. E. Yuan Shi-kai to order the compiling of an address register of all female and male persons connected with Missions, Churches, Hospitals and Mission-Schools and to send this register to the Waiwupu.

Probate has been granted of the will of the late Colonel Francis Rhodes, C. B., D.S.O., who has left, in addition to personal estate, property in the United Kingdom of the gross value of £116,993. The will is dated May 9, 1903, and there is a codicil which was made at Groot Schuur on a half-sheet of notepaper a week before Colonel Rhodes' death, on September 21 last. The executors are the testator's brothers Major Ernest F. Rhodes, R.E., and Mr. Bulkeley Prad, banker, to the last named of whom £1000 is bequeathed. Colonel Rhodes left the whole of his personal estate, except money and securities for money, to his brother, Ernest Frederick Rhodes, and he bequeathed £10,000 each to his brother, Arthur Rhodes, and his sister, Louisa Rhodes, and a life annuity of £300 to Elizabeth, widow of the late Thomas William Rhodes, and life annuities of £750 each to Louisa and Edith, and his brothers, Elphinstone, Bernard, and Arthur. On the death of these annuitants, if leaving issue, he left £18,000 for distribution amongst the issue of the said annuitants, or, if leaving no issue, the annuity is to accrue to the survivors. The residue of his real and personal estate he left to the tenant of the Dalham Hall Estate, as settled by the codicil, dated January 16, 1902, to the will dated July 1, 1899, of his late brother, the Right Hon. Cecil Rhodes.

The foreign community of Canton on February 7 much enjoyed the season's principal social event, the marriage of Mr. Chas. S. Paget and Miss Henrietta A. Mead. The ceremony took place in Christ Church, Shumson. The interior of the edifice was prettily decorated with ferns and flowers. The Rev. Mr. Jenkins of St. Paul's Cathedral, Hongkong, was the officiating clergyman. The bride, a most attractive young woman, wears a cream satin gown, trimmed with cluny lace and a tulle veil over a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses. She was given away by Mr. G. Lay, American Consul General of Canton, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Daisy Lay, daughter of Mr. W. G. Lay, Postal Commissioner, Imperial Maritime Customs, and Miss Valeria Greene, daughter of Rev. G. W. Greene, D.D., of the American Baptist Mission. Dr. W. Dana Shelby was best man, and the following gentlemen acted as ushers: Messrs D. C. Cameron, A. N. Purnell, S. J. Denby, and Rankin Leslie. The music, including the wedding march, was delightfully rendered by Mr. H. Shapiro Smith, the popular organist of Christ Church. The invitations to the marriage were issued by Consul General and Mrs. Lay, and immediately after the ceremony a most charming "At Home" was held at the American Consulate General, when Mr. and Mrs. Paget received the congratulations and best wishes of their friends. The happy couple expected to leave yesterday afternoon on the S.S. "Pusan" for their honeymoon in Hongkong and Macao. Mr. Paget is from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and is of the firm of Purnell and Paget, Architects and Engineers, Canton. The bride is the daughter of the late S. J. Mead, who was for 31 years connected with the New York and New Haven Railway. Miss Mead arrived in Canton last week, and since her arrival here she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James MacIsaac. There were many presents, some of which were exceptionally handsome. Among them were many pieces of the famous Canton blackwood furniture, also silverware, silks and Chinese linens.

NEW AUSTRALIAN LAWS.

Secret Commissions Prohibited.

Last month the Federal Secret Commissions Act came into operation. Under its provision any English manufacturer giving, or any Australian agent of a purchaser accepting, any secret commission or consideration is rendered liable to prosecution and severe penalties. Inter-State trading transactions are similarly affected.

From the same date also all advertising in English and American magazines imported into Australia will be liable to a duty of 3d. per pound.

Motor Buses.

There can be no doubt whatever that there are numerous advantages which the motor-bus possesses over any system of conveyance. So rapid has been the evolution of this class of vehicle that it is almost certain that in the end it will triumph over the tramcar for City traffic—Engineering Times.

Sudden Death.

The sudden death of Mr. E. A. Bonner, solicitor, connected with the firm of Messrs Denny and Bowley, will come as a shock and surprise to his numerous friends in the Colony and elsewhere. Mr. Bonner passed away at 7 o'clock last evening on board the hospital bulk "Hygeia," suffering from a very acute attack of small-pox. The symptoms were first manifested on Monday afternoon last and by Tuesday morning the doctor in attendance on Mr. Bonner was able to definitely diagnose the case and ordered his removal to the "Hygeia." Here he was found to be suffering from small-pox in its very worst form and the case was looked upon as hopeless from the beginning.

The deceased had been in the Colony for about 45 years and had made a host of friends by his perpetual good humour and smiling face. He took a very keen interest in sport and was ever to be seen at the Cricket Ground when a match was in progress, and prior to coming East actively participated in the game. The deceased was also a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge, in which he had at different times filled office. He was a single man of less than 40 years of age, and came of a good old English family, being a nephew of Lord Chief Justice Alverstone and had a brother who is a barrister in the Supreme Court at Home.

Mr. Bonner's death is made all the more and by the fact that he was to have gone home on holidays shortly, and indeed would have already left the Colony but for the illness of his colleague, Mr. Morrell.

On taking his seat in the Supreme Court this morning Sir Francis T. Pigott (Chief Justice), referring to Mr. Bonner's death, said:—"Gentlemen, one of our number has suddenly dropped out from amongst us. It is impossible for me to take my seat on the Bench this morning without saying a few words to express how deeply I feel the news of the death of our friend, Mr. Bonner. We are so small a family that it is impossible that his death should not be referred to from the Bench. I desire to take the opportunity of referring to the sympathy felt with the deceased gentleman's friends by the Bench and Bar and to the esteem in which he was held."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FOLLY OF CHAMBERLAINISM.
(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

SIR.—The additional figures which you were good enough to arrange for your readers last evening, about the assumed decadence of British shipping in the Far East, were interesting reading, even for those who do not go down to the sea in ships and do not do business on the mighty waters. The increase of 334 British ships in Hongkong within the short space of two years, and a more than corresponding increase in the ratio in the tonnage of these ships, is something to be proud of, if it were wise. If in addition to these figures you add the increase of British export trade at home, during the year just closed, amounting I think to about 29 million sterling, it would appear as if the old Lion is not dead yet. If these things are so, what puzzles me is the fierce uproar in some circles against Great Britain's present fiscal policy, and the reiterated assertions of Mr. Chamberlain and those who think with him, that under the present regime British trade "is going to the dogs."

It would seem to me that only one way as keen as Mr. Chamberlain's with the additional eyelashes to assist, is competent to detect the "dry rot" of our antiquated policy and that some battle cry was needed to unite the Unionists in the view of the election which was impending. The "brass lunged rabble" however, have very decidedly and as they appear to think very wisely expressed their contentment with things which obtain, and as far as I can see from the published statistics of trade, are amply justified in the choice which they have made. They are content with the goose which lays the golden egg, and whether they have always expressed their views in the softest of language and gesture or not they appear to know a good thing when they see it, and they can enjoy it.—Yours, etc.,

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 8th at 11.55a. The barometer has risen over Japan, and fallen over China and the Loochees.

An area of low pressure lies over S. China and the Pacific towards the Loochees. Pressure is highest over the Sea of Japan.

Fresh variable winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel, and moderate S. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Fresh S.W. to W. winds; equally and unsettled, probably thunder showers.

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MARVELLOUS ESCAPE FROM
SUDDEN DEATH.Ladder Nearly Saves a Man's
Life.

An accident possessing some remarkable features is reported from the Quarry Bay Dock. The man to whom it happened was a Chinese employed at the dock, and was at the time engaged on some painting at the top of the dock. Suddenly he overbalanced and fell into the dock, a distance of 47 feet, and to those who witnessed the fall his head appeared to be the first portion of his body to come in contact with the ground.

Several men at once hurried to the bottom of the dock expecting to find the man dead, but it was not so and very greatly to their surprise he appeared to be comparatively little the worse for the fall. Apparently a ladder in the bottom of the dock had saved him for on being picked up his head was found between two of its rungs and thus the fall was broken.

The man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he was found to be badly shaken and bruised but apparently had no broken bones or other injuries. Unfortunately he has since succumbed from his injuries.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

An interesting action, which it is expected will throw some light on the methods of the combatants in the late war in the Far East, will shortly be heard in the Law Courts. The underwriters at Lloyd's have resolved to resist payment in the case of the steamers "Australia" and "Mountains," which were captured by the Japanese with large cargoes of furs on board, valued at £100,000 each, while bound from Kamchatka to San Francisco.

The underwriters contend that the steamers were in the employ of the Russian authorities at the time of their capture, and had Russian officers on board, and this was a circumstance not contemplated when the vessels were insured against war risks. The underwriters have now been served with writs at the instance of the solicitors representing the owners of the ships and their cargoes.

Firemen Prosecuted.

Four firemen were prosecuted, at the Magistracy this afternoon, for neglecting to join the steamer "Sui Sang" in order to allow her to proceed to sea, and fourteen others with being found on board the steamer without permission. Mr. H. W. Looker, prosecuted on behalf of Messrs Jardine Matheson and Co., and called evidence showing that the day before the "Sui Sang" was to sail a crew of Chinese were signed on. She was to leave next day at noon but the men did not turn up and she was delayed until substitutes were obtained. The other fourteen were found on board and had no right or permission to be there.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the above company to be held at the office of the Company, on Thursday, February 16, at 11 o'clock a.m.:—The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December last.

After paying running expenses, premium of insurance, repairs and all other outgoings, there remains, including \$8,084.82 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$104,080.93 at credit of Profit and Loss Account. From this amount the Directors recommend that a dividend of one dollar per share or \$20,000 be paid to Shareholders, leaving a balance of \$84,080.93 to be carried forward to New Account.

There is nothing now to report in connection with the working of the steamers. It will be observed that, notwithstanding the depressed condition of trade during the past half-year, the earnings are equal to those of the same period in 1904. The Honourable C. W. Dickson and Mr. H. Schubart having resigned their seats at the Board, Messrs W. A. C. Cruikshank and O. R. Lenzmann were invited by the Directors to fill the vacancies, subject to confirmation by the Shareholders at this Meeting.

The retiring Auditors, Messrs A. O'D. Gordin and W. M. Potts offer themselves for re-election.

E. GOETZ,
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Hongkong, 31st January, 1906.

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Public sentiment is largely with the artisans and labourers' demand that they and their children shall not be left to starve unmercifully; but public sentiment is not yet sympathetic with the right of children not to be starved educationally, no matter what the cost or what political or theological principles may stand affected.—Schoolmaster.

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THE "STRAITS TIMES"
ANNUAL.

As a work of art the Straits Times annual for 1906—a copy of which has just reached us—stands a long way first amongst similar productions issued by papers in the East. It is beautifully got up and handsomely printed—a credit alike to the editor and the printer. It is adorned with a striking cover and artistically coloured scenes of tropical life, and of the special features being the appropriate supplement, "A Beauty of Malaya." In addition to the coloured work of art there are many photographs of local scenes in and around the Straits Settlements, and a few pages of caricatures that will be appreciated by those who know the personalities of Singapore. In regard to the personalities of Singapore, the Annual is of course meant for those who reside or know the Straits Settlements and surroundings, but it is none the less valuable to those who have not seen the southern countries. As a matter of fact it should be more valuable to unfortunate who are ignorant of the beauties of Malaya, since it instructs by pictures as well as by descriptions. The Annual is indeed a magnificent production and those responsible deserve warmest congratulations.

THE ONE RESULT.

The following verses, which appeared in the Singapore Free Press over the pen-name of "Juggernaut," will be appreciated in Hongkong at the present moment, where Government buildings that have gone dirty for years are being painted and polished. Some, though, are not even being painted notwithstanding that they badly need it, an attempt being made to cover up the grime with decorations:

Not matter how disloyal you be (and this is more hypothesis, because whatever place you name, none will be named more loyal than this). You must admit some good accrues when people of unusual note pack their portmanteaus and easy to voyage into parts remote.

E. G.—When good Sir John arrived the Public Buildings all took on a quite unwonted brilliancy, in honour of the said Sir John:

But since no man-of-mark since then has called at our unworthy port, The painting of those noble piles has not received another thought.

But suddenly again appears pot and brush and merry about The cheerful Chinese painter-man,—in fact the "white-wash" singer's out: And added to the poles and flags and bunting, and the olden days come. Each building of the Government comes out most "wonderous neat and clean."

So, when we've dragged the rubbish down, and arches, and the flags and all: And Ho-of-Note has left his card, and gone on his next-most call: Yo-who've refrained from saying "Rot," by deep and perfect self-restraint, At least must own we're "better off by one much needed coat of paint."

JUST AN ACQUAINTANCE.

A Scot who served an Englishman last summer as guide and friend on a fishing trip, had a weakness for claiming relationship with all the influential families in that part of Scotland.

One day the Englishman met him on the road driving a pig, and saw a little fun.

"Well, Donald," said he, "is that one of your grand relations?"

"Oh, no," said Donald, quietly. "This is just an acquaintance—like yersel."

THE ARAB'S EXCUSE.

A capitalist who was asked to lend money for a questionable enterprise refused with a polite excuse. When the other man objected that the excuse was lame the capitalist told this story.

Once on a time an Arab went to his neighbour and said: "Lend me your rope."

"I can't," said the neighbour. "Because I want to use the rope myself."

"What do you want to use it for?" persisted the borrower.

"I want to tie up five cubic feet of water with it."

"How can you do that?" asked the other. "Can you tie up water with a rope?"

"My friend," replied the neighbour, "Allah is great, and He permits me to do strange things with a rope when we do not wish to lend it."

HAD REASON TO LAUGH.

"You must excuse my ignorance," he softly began, at the window of the gas office, "but I want to settle a doubt in my own mind. Is your gas the same as laughing-gas?"

"I never heard anyone laugh once it very much," replied the clerk. "In fact it is generally the other way."

"You are laughing over it, it seems?"

"Yes, I can't help it, you know. My June bill was 2.25 dollars. We go away for July, and shut the house up, and yet my July bill is much larger than the June."

"Perhaps that's where the laugh comes in?"

"I know it does—ha, ha, ha!"

"Yes; we are always hearing of those things, and it is unnecessary to say that they make us tired. The bill seems to be 4.80 dollars."

"Yes."

"And you—you—"

"I'm going to laugh. It's a good joke—capital joke—ha, ha, ha!"

"And you'll pay and not kick?" queried the astonished clerk.

"That's it. I'll even—ha, ha, ha!"

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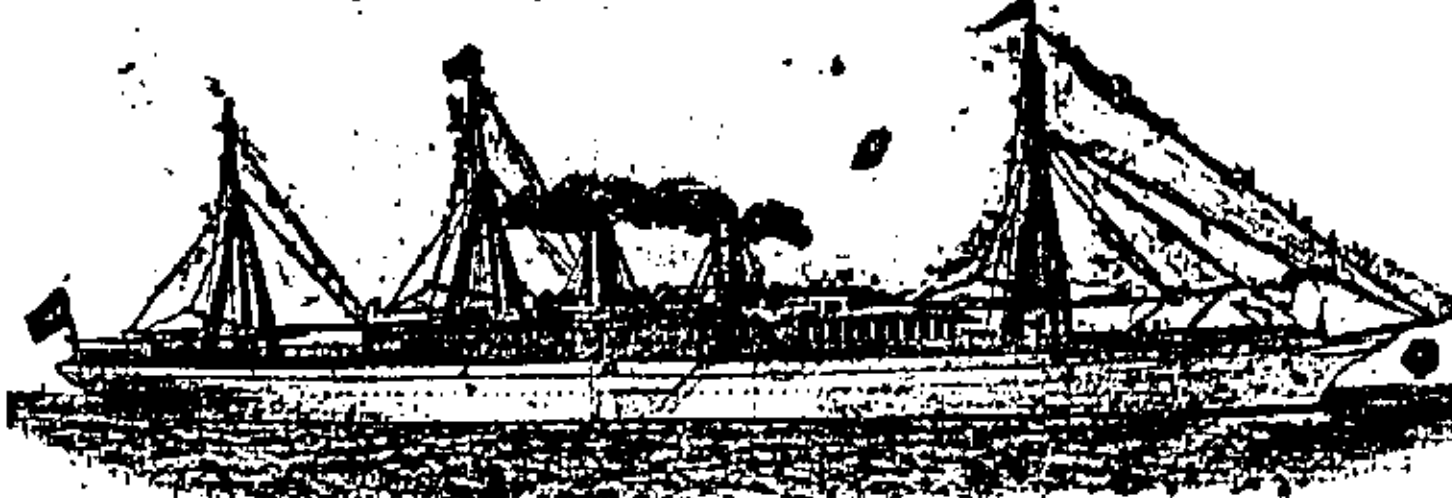
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LONDON & ANTWERP	W. R. L. M. S. S. S.	10th February	Freight and Passage.
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SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	SHANGHAI	THURSDAY, Feb. 15, 8 a.m.
TAMUJI, via SWATOW, AMOY	TAMUJI	SUNDAY, Feb. 18, 8 a.m.
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	AGAMEMNON	28th "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	THESSALY	13th "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MADAGASCAR	20th "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KEMUN	21st "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KINROCK	28th "

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PATROCLUS	13th February
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ANTENOR	20th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	SAINT BENOIT	27th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	ACHILLES	13th March
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	PERSEUS	20th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	ALCIBIADES	27th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOMED	10th April
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	AGAMEMNON	20th "
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	TEAN	13th February

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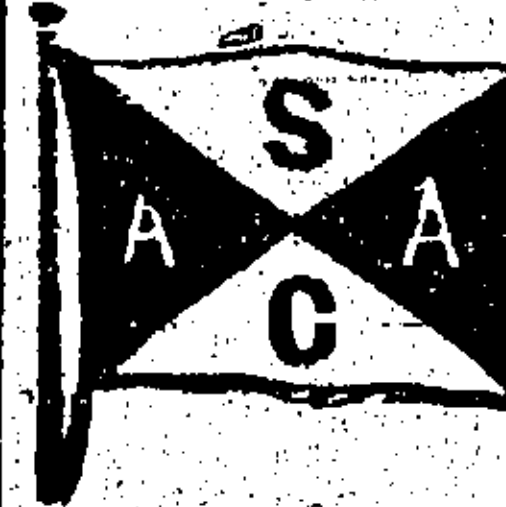
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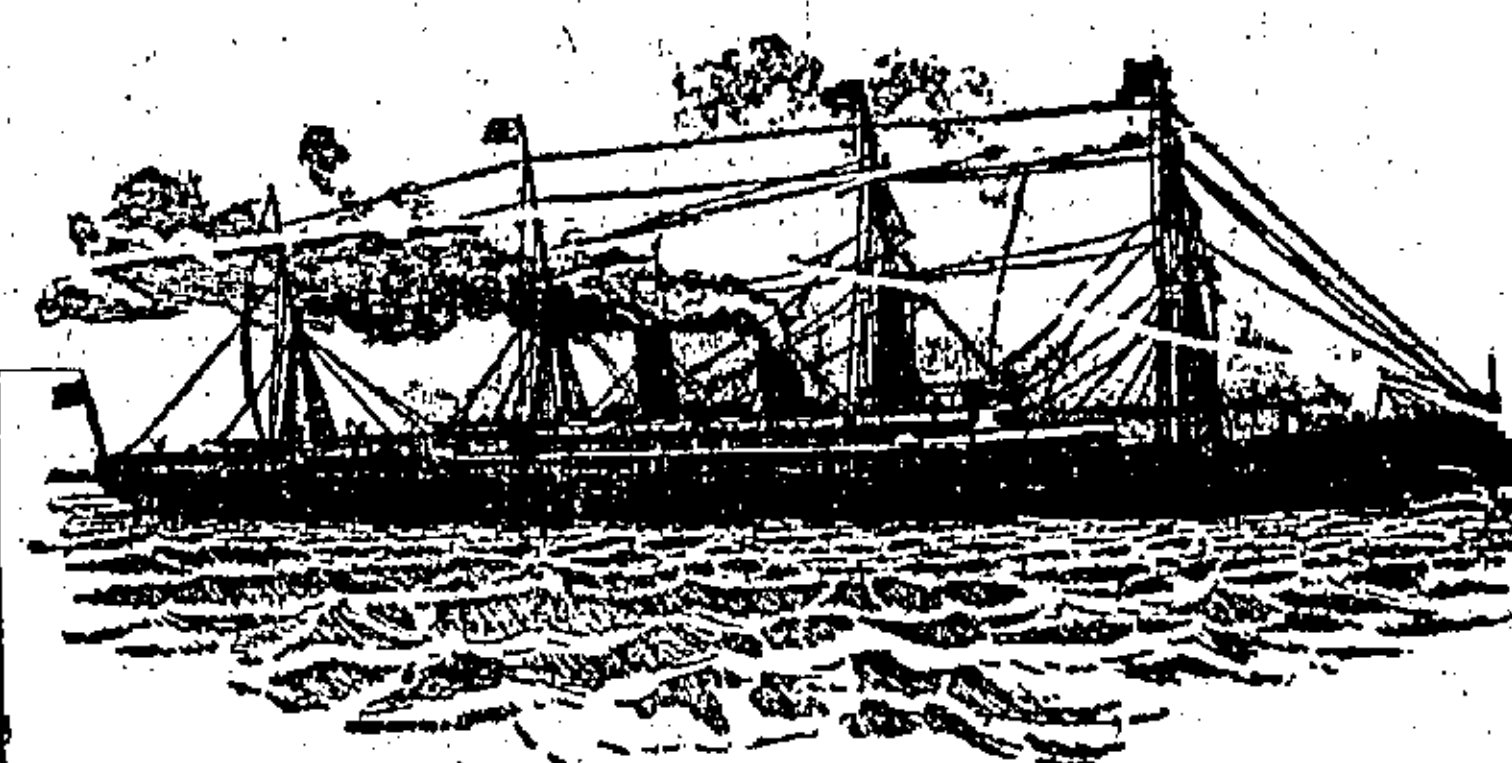
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ARCADIA 7000	Feb. 10	BRITANNIA 7000	Mar. 10	Mar. 16
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DONGOLA 8000	Mar. 10	MONGOLIA 10000	Apr. 7	Apr. 13
DELTA 8000	Mar. 24	MOLTAZAN 10000	Apr. 21	Apr. 27
QUEANA 7000	Apr. 7	MARMOIRA 10000	May 5	May 11
ARCADIA 7000	Apr. 21	VICTORIA 7000	May 20	May 26
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	about	about
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		OR ABOUT		ABOUT
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		February.	SHANGHAI.	February.
TJILWONG	JAPAN.	Second half	JAVA PORTS.	Second half
		February.		February.
TJIPANAS	JAVA.	First half	JAPAN, via	Second half
		March.	SHANGHAI.	March.
TJILATJAP	JAPAN.	Second half	JAVA PORTS.	Second half
		March.		March.

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STEAMERS To SAIL 1906.

SAINT GEORGE About Feb. 15.

SHIMOSA To follow.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1906.
PREUSSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 14th February.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 28th February.
PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 14th March.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 28th March.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 11th April.
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 25th April.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 9th May.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 23rd May.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 6th June.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of February, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship PREUSSSEN, Captain R. Meyer, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 12th February. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 13th February, and Passes will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Tuesday, the 13th February.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Lines can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
To Naples, Genoa and Gibraltar ...	\$21.0.0	\$12.0.0	\$22.0.0
To Southampton, London, Bremen, Hamburg and Antwerp ...	\$21.0.0	\$12.0.0	\$22.0.0
To New York, via Suez, via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar ...	\$44.0.0	\$24.0.0	\$24.0.0
To New York, via Suez, via Bremen or Southampton ...	\$44.0.0	\$24.0.0	\$24.0.0
To Yokohama & back from Yokohama ...	\$115.0.0	\$72.0.0	\$47.0.0
To Yokohama & back from Yokohama ...	\$115.0.0	\$72.0.0	\$47.0.0
To Yokohama & back from Yokohama ...	\$115.0.0	\$72.0.0	\$47.0.0

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa, or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland, the same rates to be applied as via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA:

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co. from Singapore to Calcutta instead of an Imperial Mail Steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is however not included.

INTERRUPTION OF THE VOYAGE IN EGYPT.

Passengers to Europe and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean Steamers from Alexandria, to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer from Port Said.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS

SAILING DATES.

WILLEHAD 4761 tons...TUESDAY, 6th March, 1906.

PRINZ WALDEMAR 3227 tons...TUESDAY, 3rd April, 1906.

ON TUESDAY, the 6th February, at Noon, the STEAMSHIP PRINZ SIGISMUND, Captain Lutz, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, will leave this Port as above.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Lines can be washed on board.

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To New Guinea	\$28.0.0	\$18.0.0	return	\$28.0.0	\$18.0.0
To Brisbane	\$29.0.0	\$19.0.0	return	\$29.0.0	\$19.0.0
To Sydney	\$23.0.0	\$15.0.0	return	\$23.0.0	\$15.0.0
To Melbourne	\$24.0.0	\$16.0.0	return	\$24.0.0	\$16.0.0
To Yokohama	\$80.0.0	\$60.0.0	return	\$80.0.0	\$60.0.0
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, PRINCESS ALICE, WEDNESDAY, 14th February.

Kobe and Yokohama, BAYERN, WEDNESDAY, 28th February.

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having arrived from the above ports,

Consignees of Cargo by her, are hereby in-

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Limited, at Kowloon, where each consign-

ment will be marked by mark, and deliv-

ery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless

instructions are given to the contrary be-

fore 4 p.m., To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 15th Inst.,

will be subject to sale.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Damaged Packages must be left in

the Godowns, and a certificate of the

Damage obtained from the Godown Co.,

within ten days after the Steamer's arrival,

after which no Claims will be recognised.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

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AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

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THE STEAMSHIP YEDDO.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

named vessel are hereby informed

that all Goods are being landed at their

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hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong

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Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

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will be examined on the 10th Instant,

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No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 10th Inst.

will be subject to sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER TOURANE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

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SPORTING.

At the Race Course.

The weather in the early morning was again somewhat hazy, but wonderfully mild. Both tracks were in use, which I have noted in the times as before.

Triumph Rose was again out to-day, but having galloped yesterday, trotting was all that was done by this pony. Emerald King, however, was on the course, and his appearance caused a good deal of excitement amongst those who were present, chiefly, I should say, on account of the supposed mystery which at present surrounds this pony's doings. So far I have not seen him, nor have I heard of anyone who has, do the full Derby distance. I have no doubt, however, but that his owner and trainer know the qualities of their pony, and it is not likely that such information is to be had merely for the sake of seeking when those who have been regular visitors at the Valley, since training commenced, are still in the dark, and will remain so I am afraid until the Derby is run off, then the wise men will say: "I told you so." I had better mention, however, that Emerald King went the mile, with Burkhill in 2.19, the last quarter being done in 32.

The following times were taken:—

DEBUT CRUISE.
New Boy, (c), three quarters, 34, 1.47, 1.41, Red Herring joined in for the last half.
Boothman, (c), half mile, 33, 1.06.
Arab Chief, (c), three quarters, 33, 1.06, 1.40.
Kamloops, (c), half mile, 33, 1.04.
Emerald King, (c), one mile, 35, 1.12, 1.47, 2.19, last quarter, 32.

OLD FOLKS.

Blue Nile, three quarters (l), 34, 1.08, 1.49.
Gardian, half mile, (c), 37, 1.08.
On Cannoy, half mile, 32, 1.03.
Grafton, three quarters, (c), 34, 1.10, 1.43.
White Blaze, one mile, (c), 39, 1.44, 1.47, 2.54. Old Boy joined him at the mile and a half post, and was beaten at the finish.

SUBSCRIPTION OFFICES.

The Skirl, (c), one mile 37, 1.11, 1.46, 2.20.
Eagle, (c), one mile and a quarter, 34, 1.11, 1.43, 2.26, 3.04. Zepher accompanied him over the last three quarters.
Haleway Days and Victory, (c), three quarters, last half, 35, 1.03.
Sirocco, (c), one mile, 37, 1.13, 1.56, 2.28.
Jovial Monk, (c), half mile, 34, 1.09.
Rabbit, Souper and Promised Land, (c), 31, 1.03. Finished in the order named.

Rover, (c), half mile, 34, 1.06.
Speculation, (c), three quarters, 36, 1.10, 1.43.
Gabeland and Peables, (c), half mile, 34, 1.04. Gabeland first.

CHINESE.

Football Challenge Shield.

The following are the ties in the second round of the Football Challenge Shield:—
Y. M. C. A. v. H. M. S. "Ramblers"
West Kowloon v. Royal Engineers
H. M. S. "Diadem" v. Royal Artillery
Army Staff v. Hongkong Club
In the second round H. M. S. "Diadem" and Royal Artillery meet on the Naval Ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at 4.15 p.m. Mr. W. C. Drew will referee.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon: Katherine Parkes, Nanahon, M. Struve, Ithaka, U.S.A.T. Seward, Thoma, Hongkong, Quanta, Attaka.
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F. J. MAYERS,
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Canton, February 8, 1906.

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BOOTH No. 7.

Hongkong, February 8, 1906.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

J. OROIL NEVILLE is no longer connected in any way with the 'CHINA MAIL'.
THE MANAGER.
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To-day's Advertisements

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

LETTER TO POLICYHOLDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT.
NEW YORK, December 14th, 1905.
TO THE POLICYHOLDERS:

LETTER TO POLICYHOLDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I had hoped to make some statement to you before this, but I have believed it was best to wait until I could give you a final conclusion in regard to the financial condition of the Society based on full investigation. This explains the delay in communicating with you.

On June 9th last, under the condition that I should have full power as to men and methods, and with no pledges of any kind to any one, I was elected by the Directors of the Society as CHAIRMAN of the BOARD, and at once assumed the active management of the Society's affairs. Soon after I was elected PRESIDENT of the SOCIETY and the Office of Chairman was abolished.

One of the first acts of my administration was the employment of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, chartered accountants of Great Britain and New York, and Messrs. Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants of New York, to investigate the affairs of the Society, under directions to render complete and exhaustive reports on the following subjects:

1. The Society's annual expenses, including legal expenses, advertising expenses, agency expenses, and cost of securing business.

2. The real estate investments of the Company, including in the case of each parcel the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society; the income which it yields; and the fair valuation of the property, whether above or below the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society. (If necessary, real estate experts may be employed in ascertaining the value and income of the real estate subject, of course, to my approval as to men and terms).

3. The other investments of the Society; their character; and the circumstances under which they have been made.

4. The Society's surplus and the manner in which it is carried upon the books of the Society.

5. The methods of keeping the Society's accounts, and the respects in which its accounting may be improved.

6. The relations between the Society and the trust companies, banks, safe deposit companies, and other institutions with which the Society is affiliated by ownership of considerable amount of stock or otherwise. (In the case of every corporation in which the Society has a dominant or important interest, or with which the Society has special relations, the ownership of stock other than that owned by the Society should be so far as practicable, ascertained and reported on by the report of the investigating committee of which Mr. Frick was Chairman should be fully investigated.)

7. When the report of the New York Superintendent of Insurance has been made that report should be carefully studied and every matter covered by it or by the recommendations of the Commissioner should be carefully examined.

Subsequently a still more elaborate plan of investigation was agreed upon with the accountants, and I doubt if any American insurance company ever before had such an exhaustive examination.

It has taken a large force of men five months to ascertain the exact financial status of the Society, now fully exposed by the balance sheet transmitted with the following note and reproduced on pages 6 and 7.

New York, November 23, 1905.
Mr. PAUL MORISON, President.
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 120, Broadway, New York.

DEAR SIR:—The exhaustive examination which we have made of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States is so far as completed, and we are now able to furnish you with a balance sheet showing the true financial position of the Society on September 30th, 1905.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be limewashed in respect of all the walls of each room and staircase—all cubicle partitions—Stair Castings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Windows of Roofs, both in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard should have its Containing Walls Limewashed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be limewashed but must be cleaned.

The Eastern Division of the City is bounded on the West by Gilman Street and Peel Street, Kau-lung is divided into the Eastern and Western divisions by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the North end thereof through the Yau-mai Services Reservoir to the northern boundary of Kau-lung.

G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.
Dated this 1st day of February, 1906. 269

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

HAIMUN.

Captain A. J. ROSSON, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 9th inst., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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General Managers.

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KOUANG-SI.

Captain BARTON, will be despatched as above, on or about the 12th February, 1906.

This steamer has accommodation for Passengers and carries a fully qualified Doctor.

For information as to Passage & Freight apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Quana's Bazaar.

Hongkong, February 7, 1906. 269

ANNUAL AUDIT.

It will be the policy of the new administration of the Society to insist on an independent audit of its accounts as to its fiscal condition, once each year, the result of which will be published.

NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS.
Under the change in ownership of a majority of the stock, the shares were at once put in trust and Directors were now nominated by the trustees—Hon. Grover Cleveland, Justus Morgan J. O'Brien, and Mr. George Westinghouse. Thirteen Directors are chosen annually, and the Trustees will each year offer an opportunity to the policyholders to express their preferences in respect of the choice of Directors.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.
It will be the policy of the Society hereafter not to make contributions to political campaigns. It is my opinion that we have no right to use the funds of the Society for any such purpose.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS.
In the last ten years this Society has loaned over \$120,000,000 on real estate mortgages, mostly in large cities. Only six of these cases has it had to take property under foreclosure and in these six instances the property was sold at a profit.

It will continue to be the policy of the Society to make investments of this description.

COST OF INSURANCE.
The very essence of life insurance is safety and this can be secured only by reasonable premiums.

A great many Equitable policyholders are doubtless asking themselves the question whether it will pay them to continue their policies. To such I wish to say most emphatically that my investigation of the affairs of the Society has convinced me that there is no cheaper way for the policyholders of the Equitable to retain their policies.

As I have pointed out, the surplus of over \$67,000,000, are safely invested upon a basis which returns an excellent rate of interest upon the revised valuations, and I expect in due time to accomplish such economies that the cost of administration and securing new business will be reduced to the very possible basis consistent with safety and efficiency. I accordingly believe that by continuing your policies in the Equitable you will receive life insurance at the lowest cost consistent with safety.

I therefore advise you to continue to pay your premiums to allow your policies to lapse will be doing yourselves injustice. Your contracts with this Society are as safe and sound as anything earthly can be. Where lapses have already occurred the agents of the Society will cheerfully assist in restoring policies.

RECONSTRUCTION EXPENSES IN 1905.
I congratulate you and all policyholders in solvent concerns on the reformatory results on the agitation of the past year. This Society alone has undergone four separate investigations since January 1st.

The extraordinary legal and other expense entailed thereby is amply compensated for by the enhanced contributions and checked waste herein above referred to and by the final assurance you now have of the wealth and solvency of your Society. I am convinced that this and other investigations have attracted public attention to the importance of the work of established companies like the Equitable more effectively than could have been done by any other means.

While these investigations may have been destructive of individual reputations, the utility of life insurance has been more fully demonstrated than ever before.

There is no doubt that by the new administration to have the biggest company in the world, the effort will be to make it the best and safest. Conservative lines will be followed. It will be the policy not to solicit or secure new business at the expense of the present policyholders; and in case it is determined that business in any field will be abandoned.

Over 98 per cent of our death claims are settled within 24 hours after proof of death is received, and since January 1st, 1905, through all of the agitation concerning life insurance, this Society alone has paid out in death claims and benefits of other kinds over \$116,799 every working day.

Assuring you that it will be my constant endeavor to conduct the affairs of this Society in a manner that will merit your hearty approbation, I am,
Very truly yours,
PAUL MORISON, President.

BALANCE SHEET.

September 30th, 1905.
Assets: Real Estate.....\$28,550,370.00
Secured Loans.....\$13,776,708.04
Bonds, Stocks and other Securities.....\$23,538,082.00
Companies deposited with Foreign Governments and in transit.....\$20,727,986.01
Premiums in course of Collection.....\$6,495,442.84
Agents' Balances.....\$7,664,647.75
Interest and Rentals Due.....\$4,014,083.60
Total Assets.....\$84,166,606.10

LIABILITIES.
General Insurance Reserve: not present value of all outstanding policies computed with 4.03 and 31 per cent interest.....\$42,869,081.00
Current Liabilities: Death claims, endowments, annuities and dividends due and unpaid.....\$2,556,784.81
Expenses.....\$1,195,414.19
Premiums, Interest, &c. received in advance.....\$1,205,344.00
Capital Stock.....\$100,000.00
Total Liabilities.....\$49,936,634.09
Surplus.....\$34,229,972.01

We hereby certify that in our opinion the above balance sheet is correct and is properly drawn up so as to show the true financial position of the Society at September 30th, 1905.

(Signed) PAUL MORISON & Co.
(Signed) HASKINS & SELLS.
Hongkong, February 8, 1906. 268

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Mails will close:—
For SWATOW, —
Per Haimun, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 9th Feb.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBANO, —
Per Haimun, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 9th Feb.

For MACAO, —
Per Haimun, at 1.15 p.m., on Friday, the 9th Feb.

For MANILA, —
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